

Using Twitter in the Classroom

Twitter messages are limited to 140 characters – a couple sentences.

- Create a Twitter account for your classroom (you'll probably want to make it private).
- Invite the parents to "follow" your classroom.
- When you have finished a lesson have each student summarize the lesson in one or two sentences.
- Pick one student's summary to Tweet out to the parents.

Win-Win-Win

1. Students review the lesson.
2. You get to evaluate what they learned.
3. Parents will know in real-time what students are learning.
 - Parents can "follow" from any computer hooked to the internet or have the Tweets sent to their smart phone.
 - Parents no longer have to fish blindly for conversation starters (What happened today at school?). They'll be able to continue the Twitter conversation (Hey, I saw your Tweet about the story you read. Tell me more about [name of the main character]).